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The next issue of the Library Occurrent will be devoted largely to library work with children. It will include articles on the Story hour and Boy Scout patrols, and a Boy scout reading list.

Until recently the Commission has received from a clipping bureau every few days a bundle of newspaper clippings about Indiana libraries, which formed the basis of the "News of Indiana libraries" in the Occurrent. The clipping bureau which supplied these items has now gone out of business, and it becomes necessary for us to depend on the librarians themselves for this information. We hope all the Indiana librarians will send us copies of library articles which appear in the local papers and that they will write us of any other interesting happening in their libraries. Such information should reach us about the middle of the month preceding that in which the Occurrent is issued.

The following letter from Dr. Stanley Coulter, Dean of Science at Purdue University, will be of interest to all who are concerned with township extension, and especially to those who heard his address on The rural community and the library at South Bend in 1910, or who read this address as it appeared in the January and February, 1910, numbers of Public Libraries:

Mr. Carl H. Milam, Secretary Public Library Commission, Indianapolis:

Dear Sir.—I have read with very great interest the article on township library extension at Alexandria. To my mind it is almost perfect not only in its organization but in its administration. It is perfect in its organization in that it interests the people of the community which it serves and in a certain way throws the initiative upon them.

It is to be commended because the efficiency of service is not measured by the amount of money put into it but by the amount of interest aroused. From my standpoint I can see no way in which the method could be improved. Its administration by the people of the community, the special training of those who have charge of the books, the transfer of the books from schoolhouse to the home, indeed the intense localization of the affair is its great excellence. I think that if Miss Jayne could be multiplied sufficiently to cover every township in the state, the whole problem would be solved.

If in any way I can help in the establishment of such an organization in any region, I should be charmed to do so.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) STANLEY COULTER.

The article referred to is found on pages 221-24 in the September Library Occurrent.

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TOWNSHIP EXTENSION AT SPENCER.

(Read at the joint meeting of the I. L. A. and I. L. T. A., 8 Nov. 1911.)

In the summer of 1909 we commenced agitating the question of township extension in Washington township, in which Spencer is situated. The library board easily secured the fifty names necessary to present the petition to the advisory board. It made the mistake here that I hope others will not make—that of having the petition read "not more than five-tenths of a mill," instead of "not less than five-tenths of a mill nor more than one mill." We have since tried to raise the rate and failed. However, the board granted the tax, and in January, although the money was not available until June, I had requests from one teacher, and several people living in the township, not in the schools. Our work has all been in the schools.

We had six strong boxes made at a cost of about \$1.50 and we expect them to last a great number of years. One box we sent to Romona, which is a small quarry town in the township. We are very fortunate in having found a young woman at this place who is well educated, who has a great interest in the library and who is glad to take charge of from 2 to 3 boxes at a time. She keeps these boxes in her father's store, which is also the Post Office and is centrally located.

We did not do much that summer as we did not have the necessary books or money. In the fall I secured the names of the township teachers and wrote letters asking them to come and see me and let me explain their privileges. The township trustee also told them that he expected them to use the library. They all came, some of them because the trustee said they must, but most of them because of the interest in this new opportunity.

I wanted a simple method of keeping a record of the circulation and did not want the teachers to go to any expense. I use the Brown system of charging, and in the books I send out to the country I put a clean book card with the book number, author and title, just as I use in the library. I ask the teacher to have one of her oldest pupils take charge of the books. When a book is borrowed, the

card is taken out of the book, and on the back is written the name of the person taking it. The cards are filed alphabetically. This record shows how many times each book is taken out and by whom. The names appearing the greatest number of times on the cards are naturally the ones who come to the library when school is closed.

Last winter we kept 10 boxes of 25 books each in circulation. They average about 15 juvenile and 10 adult books to each box, about half being non-fiction books.

I also sent the rules and regulations to each teacher and asked that each family represented in the school receive one.

We have no difficulty in transporting the boxes, as either the teacher or some farmer is always willing to take them. We have had to send the books to Romona by freight only twice. At all other times the young woman in charge has sent for them.

The first few reports were lost so that I do not have a complete record of all the books sent out, but the circulation usually averages about 4 times to a book the first time and 6 to 7 the next time.

We have had only the one winter's work and the books are just now going out for the second year.

There is a very flourishing Farmers' Alliance in the township. This organization has sent to the library for a list of our agricultural books. One of the trustees went to a meeting and talked to them about their privilege at the library and they showed a great deal of interest.

When we are in our new building, we expect the interest to be much greater, and hope next year to take in several of the six adjoining townships.

GERTRUDE MORGAN,
Public Library, Spencer.

The Public Library Commission of Indiana has recently issued two leaflets. One gives a resume of the different lines of the Commission's activities and the other explains the work of the Traveling library department and gives the rules regulating the lending of traveling libraries. The leaflets are free to people seeking information on these subjects.

QUALIFICATIONS OF LIBRARIANS.

(This is a preliminary report of a committee of the Indiana library association. The report was accepted and the committee continued. It will co-operate with a similar committee appointed by the Indiana library trustees association, and a final report will be made in 1912.)

The object of the following report is to present in as definite form as possible those qualifications most easily subject to measurement in a candidate for librarianship in a public-serving library. The reason for making such a report is that there is nowhere available a reasonably considered and authoritative formulation of such qualifications. It is believed that such a formulation will be useful to Library Boards in the employment of librarians, to the librarian in the employment of assistants, and that in addition it will serve to establish in some measure a standard of requirements for the guidance of prospective librarians. The members of the teaching profession are required by state law to have attained a certain grade of educational proficiency or successful teaching experience in order to fill positions graded in accordance with the demands of the teaching service. Certain of the larger libraries having many staff positions have created a classified service with specifications of requirements in training, experience and education for filling such positions. The object of this committee has been to formulate in somewhat the same way a schedule of qualifications that will be applicable to library service throughout the state. In doing so we are fully mindful of the shortcomings of any such schedule when applied to conditions of such extent and variety. We are not attempting to create a substitute for the common sense of any individual or any board of library trustees. We believe it is worth while, however, to formulate considerations which appear wise and which are applicable in practically all cases. Conditions will vary, changes will come, and we know that any application of this report must be made "in the light of reason." But we are convinced that action upon and adoption by this Association of such a formulation of qualifications will further the interests of progressive librarianship, and in the end promote a greater efficiency and an increased respect for the profession.

Fundamental Considerations.

1. Politics, personal friendship, or religious prejudice should have no influence in the selection of a librarian.
2. In the appointment of librarians, considerations of charitable intent should be eliminated. It is not fair to the library interest, it is ethically immoral, and in the strict construction of the law illegal. It is unfair also to employ a person solely because he or she lives in the home town: unfair to the public and to all who need the advice and assistance of a thoroughly capable librarian.
3. General education is an absolute necessity for the librarian. No library, no matter how small, should ever employ a librarian or an assistant who has not successfully completed a full high school course, or who has not an education its equivalent.
4. A knowledge of books, a fondness for reading them and a regard for their influence are essential to the best success of a librarian.
5. A person over thirty-five years of age should not undertake library work. Such a one has habits already formed—habits of mind, standards of conduct, preconceived opinions, and personal customs—that are hard, often impossible, to overcome when called upon to deal directly with the public in a professional manner.
6. Personality is a large factor in the success of any librarian. The tact that meets all difficulties with kindness and firmness; a quick, personal interest in library patrons and their problems; approachableness and courtesy in the treatment of all; practical sense and high ideals of official responsibility; neatness and order in personal appearance and in carrying on work; sufficient health and strength to endure extended labor; and a willingness to co-operate with all others engaged or interested in the social welfare of the community: these are qualities that should enjoy careful evaluation.
7. A librarian's training or experience should be such as to make him capable of and responsible for the care of the library. He should have the utmost freedom and trust in making recommendations and in carrying into effect decisions of the library board. A knowledge of business affairs and executive ability thus become essential qualifications.

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8. The criterion of a librarian's efficiency lies in the ability to bring the printed page —book, map or picture,—to those who support and need that ministration. Social position, good fellowship, pleasant manners, etc., are useful adjuncts, but do not measure efficiency.

9. A librarian should be interested in library affairs throughout the state and country, should visit other libraries whenever possible, attend institutes and library association meetings, local, state and national.

Experience Qualifications.

For libraries paying up to \$35.00 monthly. Librarian should have a full high school education or its equivalent. Librarian should be sent to a nearby library for a few weeks to secure a knowledge of work, and should secure the assistance of the Public Library Commission whenever necessary. As soon as possible the librarian should attend a summer library school.

For libraries paying \$35.00 to \$50.00 monthly (this salary based upon an income up to \$1,500 a year.)

Librarian should be a college graduate without special training, or have an equal educational training; or, A High School graduate with special library training in a summer library school of recognized excellence; or, A person with one year's experience in an established and well organized library. Training and experience should generally take precedence.

For libraries paying \$60.00 to \$75.00 a month. Librarian should be a college graduate who has had a one-year course of library training. For the larger salary may sometimes be found librarians who have completed a full two year course in a library school. It is understood in all cases that sufficient successful experience in reputable libraries will equal special training.

For libraries paying above \$75.00 a month.

The conditions become special and it would probably not be possible for this committee to attempt to specify in detail what should be sought or expected; but for work in the ordinary library, the board ought to insist on a college education, training in a first

class library school, and experience in the special work to be done.

LOIS JOHNSTONE,
MRS. SALLIE C. HUGHES,
MRS. ADAH L. BERNHARDT,
LOUIS J. BAILEY, Chairman.

INDIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Officers.

President, Demarchus C. Brown, librarian, State library, Indianapolis.

Vice-President, Nannie W. Jayne, librarian, public library, Alexandria.

Secretary, Lois Johnstone, librarian, Franklin College library, Franklin.

Treasurer, Orpha M. Peters, Assistant librarian, public library, Gary.

Executive Board.

The officers, and Miss Eliza G. Browning, librarian, public library, Indianapolis.

Constitution Adopted 1911.

Name.

Section 1. This organization shall be called the Indiana Library Association.

Object.

Section 2. Its object shall be to promote the library interests of the State of Indiana.

Members.

Section 3. Any person or institution actively engaged in library work in Indiana may become a member of the Association by paying the annual dues. Other persons or institutions interested in library or allied educational work may become members after election by the Executive Board and payment of the membership fee.

Section 4. On nomination of the Executive Board, persons who have rendered important services to library interests in the state, but who are not at the time actively identified with library work within the state, may be elected honorary members by unanimous vote at any annual meeting of the Association.

Section 5. Any individual or institutional member may become a life member, exempt from annual dues, by paying the required fee.

Such fees shall be invested by the Executive Board and held as a permanent endowment fund.

Officers.

Section 6. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall be elected at the last regular business session of each annual meeting and shall hold office until the adjournment of the meeting at which their successors are elected.

Executive Board.

Section 7. The officers, together with the President of the preceding term, shall constitute the Executive Board, of which the President of the Association shall be the chairman. The Executive Board shall administer the business affairs of the Association, shall appoint special and standing committees, shall fill vacancies in any office except that of President, shall arrange the program for the annual meeting and decide on the time and place of the same, except that the Association at any regular meeting may take direct action on any question, revise the action of the Executive Board or give them mandatory instructions.

Election of Officers.

Section 8. At the first session of each annual meeting, the Executive Board shall appoint a committee of three on Nominations, which shall report at the last regular session of the annual business meeting. The Nominating Committee shall propose one name for each elective office of the Association. It shall also receive and report to the Association the names of other candidates proposed in writing by five or more members, provided that the consent of the person or persons so nominated accompanies the petition presented to the committee. In case of a contest for any office or offices the President shall appoint two tellers to conduct the balloting. In the absence of other nominations the adoption of the report of the Nominating Committee shall be considered an election.

Meetings.

Section 9. There shall be an annual meeting of the Association at such time and place as may be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 10. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Executive Board, and shall be called by the Executive Board on the written request of ten or more members of the Association. At least three weeks notice of such called meetings shall be given and only business mentioned in the call shall be transacted.

Section 11. Quorum. Fifteen members, representing at least ten institutions, shall constitute a quorum of the Association. Three members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board.

Amendments.

Section 12. This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the enrolled members present, provided that written or printed notice of the proposed amendment be sent to the members, by the Secretary, at least two weeks previously.

Section 13. The By-laws may be amended or any By-laws temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the enrolled members present at any meeting of the Association.

By-Laws.

Officers.

Section 1. The term of office of all officers of this Association shall commence at the adjournment of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

Section 2. The duties of all officers shall be such as are ordinarily implied by their respective titles in addition to duties specifically mentioned in the By-laws.

Section 3. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall render annual reports to the Association at its annual meeting and these reports shall be filed and preserved with the records of the Association.

Section 4. The Secretary shall preserve a complete file of records of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association and the Executive Board.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall pay such bills as are approved by the Association or the Executive Board and countersigned by the President.

Section 6. The Secretary shall transmit reports of all meetings of this Association to

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Public Libraries, the Library Journal and the Library Occurrent in time for the issue following the date of the meeting.

Dues.

Section 7. The membership fee shall accompany all applications for membership.

Section 8. Annual dues shall be payable on the first day of January of each year.

Section 9. Individuals shall pay a membership fee of \$1.50 on joining the Association and annual dues of \$1.00 thereafter.

Section 10. Libraries, as institutions, shall pay a membership fee of \$2.00 and annual dues of \$2.00. Library membership shall entitle the Library to one vote, and the trustees thereof to all other privileges of the Association.

Section 11. Any individual may become a life member exempt from annual dues, by paying \$10.00. Libraries, as institutions, may become life members on payment of \$20.00.

Section 12. The Treasurer shall assign to all members a number in the order of their joining. Any member owing more than two years' dues shall, after thirty days written notice from the Treasurer, be dropped from membership. Any person renewing membership shall pay all arrears of dues and retain their old number, or dues required of new members.

Section 13. No member who is in arrears for the dues of the current year shall hold office in the Association or take an active part in the meetings.

Section 14. Membership fees and annual dues shall be payable to the Treasurer, who shall mail notices of such dues to all members on or before the first day of February of each year, and a second notice to all members who have failed to pay the same on or before the first day of September of each year.

Section 15. The Association shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

Report of Annual Meeting.

With a splendid representation from all parts of the state, the Indiana library association held its twentieth annual meeting in the Board of Trade building at Indianapolis, on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 7-8.

The first session opened on Tuesday after-

noon with an address of welcome by Mr. Joseph McGowan, of the Indianapolis public library board. He spoke of the qualifications of a librarian, mentioning two in particular as being essential—that the librarian know books, and that she have executive ability. He also announced to the Association the magnificent gift from Mr. James Whitcomb Riley of a site for a new central library building for the city of Indianapolis.

The president, Miss Browning, in her address presenting the needs of the Association, urged a careful consideration of the reports of the committees on Qualifications of librarians, on Library training, and on the Revision of the constitution and by-laws of the Indiana Library Association. She spoke of the notable library meetings of the year and of the value of library meetings stating that the real value is measured by the spirit in which we come to the meetings and the use we make of the benefits received.

The members of the association were pleased to have with them Dr. James K. Hosmer, formerly librarian of the Minneapolis public library, a personal friend of the late Mr. Frederick M. Crunden, who spoke a word of appreciation of the life and work of one who was widely recognized as being in the front rank of the library profession. Dr. Hosmer spoke of the remarkable executive ability of Mr. Crunden, of his scholarly attainments, of his great work as librarian of the St. Louis public library and of the great honor which came to him just before his death when he received the information that a motto taken from one of his addressees was to be carved on the front of the St. Louis public library building and that tablets containing this inscription were to be made and distributed, free of charge, to public libraries by Dr. Melvil Dewey.

The report of the Committee on Qualifications of librarians was given by the chairman, Mr. Louis J. Bailey. It is printed elsewhere in this issue of the Library Occurrent. The report was accepted by the Association and the committee authorized to make a future report in conjunction with a similar committee from the Indiana Library Trustees Association.

The report of the Committee on Library training was given by the chairman, Miss

Colerick. This report expressed in definite terms the need of trained library workers, advocating whenever possible, work in a well organized library before taking the training.

A library exhibit showing the work which is being done by the different libraries in the Indianapolis district was prepared by Mr. Carl H. Milam.

College and Reference Round Table.

The College and reference round table, conducted by Mr. Demarchus C. Brown, opened with a paper by Mr. William M. Hepburn on the College library and the community. Mr. Hepburn said that while the first duty of the college library is to its own constituency, yet it soon outgrows the active demands of the faculty and students and that the modern college or university is a disseminator of knowledge to the whole state. The question What is the community, is much like the old question, Who is thy neighbor—It is susceptible of answers as narrow or broad as our own particular view permits. He advocated inter-library-loans; liberality in the giving of information; free distribution of duplicates; and the offering of aid and encouragement to library movements in the state. He also advised the preparation and printing of useful indexes and made a plea for the publication of lists of serials which libraries have.

Mr. Harlow Lindley in an interesting talk pointed out the great opportunity afforded by the college library and the public library for conservation of interests and for co-operation. The stronger the one, the greater the opportunity to help the other. One should be a supplement to the other. Miss Cleland in an entertaining paper on What experience is best prior to reference work, advised a combination of cataloging and reference work, stating that the cataloger should come in direct contact with the public. A general discussion of the subject brought out the fact that co-operation between the cataloging department and the reference department is essential. Mr. Arthur Cunningham, in a paper on Departmental libraries, compared the departmental library of olden days to the modern departmental library, stating that the seminary method of modern instruction is only a development of the old scholastic methods. Where an institu-

tion builds up departmental libraries, the general library usually does not receive proper support. "Weak administration and dissipation of library forces are the results." "Centralization of administration and unification of library facilities" is the remedy.

At the close of the afternoon session, a delightful tea was served in the reference room of the State Library by the State Library staff and the Public Library Commission.

Libraries and Schools.

The evening session opened with a paper by Mr. R. W. Himelick, of the Indianapolis Public schools, on What the library may do for the school. Mr. Himelick said that we ought not to feel that there is a division between the library and the school. We should feel that the library is a continuation school. To show the child how to get information from the printed page is the vital point. To cultivate right habits of reading in the formative stage is a great problem of the library. The library is valuable to the grown person in proportion to the way he learned as a child how to use it; he is often circumscribed by his own experience because at the proper time the preparatory stage has been neglected. The library must be brought to every child. It matters not who does the work so it is done.

Miss Ahern in her talk on What the library expects from the school, brought out the fact that there is no longer any question as to the library being an institution of public instruction. The library exists for all. There are two ways in which the librarian can assist the school—by giving assistance outside the school and inside the school. The child must be taught the book as a tool and the book as a friend. The teacher should give the outline of her work and the librarian should supply the material. There should be co-operation between the school and the library, the latter thus becoming a continuation school. There can be a mutual understanding and there is a moral obligation to smother misunderstanding and to come together and try to give the child the one thing he needs.

Mrs. Swain, branch librarian at Indianapolis, gave detailed explanation of her school work with the different grades and stated that the work must be systematized and that the

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librarian must have the co-operation of the children. Miss Colerick explained the work done at Fort Wayne through the deposit stations. Miss Weimer told of the work done in Muncie. The different grades in the school are visited each year by a representative from the library who explains what the library is trying to do, tells the children about the story hour, and teaches them the use of the catalog, after which the children go to the library for the actual work. The library furnishes reading lists of books on subjects to be taken up by the schools.

Business Session and Automobile Ride.

The Wednesday morning session was devoted to a business meeting. The reports of the secretary and treasurer (the treasurer's report is appended) were read and accepted. General satisfaction and expressions of desire that the district meetings be continued were manifested by the reports of the district secretaries. The report of the Committee on the Revision of the constitution and by-laws of the I. L. A. was given by the chairman, Mr. Hepburn. The report as adopted is given elsewhere in this number of the Occurrent. Election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: President, Mr. Demarchus C. Brown, State librarian; Vice-President, Miss Nannie W. Jayne, Librarian, Alexandria public library; Secretary, Miss Lois Johnstone, Librarian, Franklin College library; Treasurer, Miss Orpha Maud Peters, Assistant Librarian, Gary public library.

At the close of the business session, an automobile ride to visit the different branch libraries was enjoyed by the visiting librarians.

**Joint Session with Library Trustees.
Library Extension.**

The Wednesday afternoon joint session was given over to two Round Tables—one on Library extension, the other on Library work with children. In the Round Table on Library extension, the chairman, Miss Nannie W. Jayne, stated that the three chief things in library extension are: 1. Interesting people in obtaining the tax levy. 2. Interesting people after obtaining the tax levy. 3. Distribution of books. The three chief ways of

distributing books are from the general library, through deposit stations and through branch libraries. Miss Mary N. Baker told of the extension work done by the Elwood public library through the branch at Frankton, by placing books in all the schools in the township, by monthly meetings of the teachers held at the library and by coming in personal contact with the people of the township. Miss Mattie Clark, of Carthage, and Mrs. Ella R. Heatwole, of Goshen, although not able to be present, sent their papers explaining the work done by their respective libraries by furnishing books to the teachers and pupils of the country schools and by securing for their use agricultural bulletins from Cornell and Purdue Universities. At Hartford City, Miss Horne obtains the enrollment by grade from all the schools in the township and new libraries are made up each month to suit each grade. The extension work at Spencer was explained by the librarian, Miss Gertrude Morgan.

Extension work through branch libraries was discussed by Mr. Louis J. Bailey, who emphasized the fact that the problem is to reach the whole public that supports the library; that the books must be taken to the people and that the only way to reach them is by establishing branches and deposit stations in various parts of the city. Mrs. Hughes of Terre Haute, told of the successful results obtained through the establishment of deposit stations in the city schools, both parochial and public, stating that last year 60,000 books were circulated through the schools alone. Miss Tutt spoke of the work done by the South Bend library in literary clubs of foreigners and through the schools, parochial as well as public.

In the discussion, the division of interests which exists between Catholics and Protestants was brought out forcibly by Rev. Father Thomas Jansen, president of the Gary public library board. He urged that this strange feeling be done away with; that the librarians let the Sisters know of the desire to co-operate and suggested that they would find just as eager readers among the Catholics as among the Protestants.

Mr. Milam read a letter from Dr. Coulter, written in response to a clipping which he had

received concerning extension work at Alexandria. Dr. Coulter is much interested in rural betterment. He gave unqualified approval of the rural library extension work which is being done by the Alexandria public library and expressed much interest in the good results which are being realized along this line in the state of Indiana.

Work with Children.

The Round Table on Library work with children, conducted by Miss Anne D. Swezey, was opened with a paper on the History of library work with children, by Miss Helen V. Calhoun. Having stated the chief objects of work with children, she mentioned the following activities as embraced by the children's department: 1. The controlled and guided circulation of books. 2. Use of books and periodicals. 3. Reference and school work. 4. Work with the smaller children. 5. Use of exhibits and picture bulletins. 6. Formation of clubs. 7. Home libraries. 8. Co-operation with the homes. 9. Co-operation with institutions working with children. 10. The story hour.

The Story hour and Club work with children were discussed more fully by Miss Webb, Children's librarian at Fort Wayne public library, and by Miss Williams of the Public Library Commission. Some of the chief points brought out by Miss Webb were: Be sure to find out whether the need for a story hour exists; Have a definite plan in view; Be careful about turning the work of the reading hour or story hour over to outsiders; Do not duplicate what is already being done well by some other institution.

In the absence of Miss Williams, her paper on Club work with children was read by Miss Carrie E. Scott. This was a most interesting and instructive paper, giving Miss Williams's experience with a patrol of Boy scouts in the Cincinnati public library. One of the keynotes to success in this work is the ability to recognize the natural inclination and tastes of the children and to seize the opportune moment. In the discussion, the chief points brought out were the reasons for the organization of children's clubs; the necessity for definite planning of the work; the various kinds of clubs in which children are interested

—Junior Civic League, an organization for both boys and girls, Industrial clubs, Reading clubs, etc.

Near the close of the program Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Hepburn offered the following resolution, which after some opposition by Miss Merica Hoagland, director of the Indiana Library School, was adopted:

Resolved: That the Indiana Library Association hereby approves the action of the Executive Board and of the State Library and Public Library Commission through their officers, in opposing the library school bills during the last sessions of the legislature.

A report of the evening joint session is given with the report of the Indiana library trustees association on another page.

Report of Treasurer.

Receipts.

Balance on hand, October 20,	
1910	\$32.03
Membership dues for 1909....	.50
Membership dues for 1910....	2.50
Membership dues for 1911....	141.00
	—————
	\$176.03

Expenditures.

Expenses for 1910, including printing, postage, Secretary's book, dues to the Indiana federation of clubs, and for speaker at the South Bend meeting.....	32.90
Expenses for 1911 meeting....	17.42
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	50.32

Balance on hand, November 8, 1911.. \$125.71

ORPHA M. PETERS,
Acting Treasurer.

Among the resolutions adopted by the I. L. A. at its meeting was one of regret for the death of Mr. F. M. Crunden, and of sympathy for Mrs. Crunden. A letter from Mrs. Crunden has been received by the secretary, thanking the association for its expression of appreciation of her husband's worth.

INDIANA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION.

Officers.

President, Mrs. A. D. Moffett, Elwood.
 Vice-President, Charles Eckhart, Auburn.
 Secretary, Adah E. Bush, Kentland.
 Treasurer, F. L. Cooper, Plainfield.

Executive Committee.

The officers, and

Carl H. Milam, Indianapolis.
 Rev. Thomas Jansen, Gary.
 Arthur S. Hathaway, Terre Haute.

Committee on Qualifications of Librarians.

M. W. Moore, Huntington.
 Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Connersville.
 Mrs. Elva T. Carter, Plainfield.

Report of Meeting.

The third annual meeting of the Indiana library trustees' association convened in Indianapolis, November 8, 1911. The session was held in a committee room of the Board of Trade building and consisted of two joint meetings with the Indiana library association, on the afternoon and evening of November 8, and a separate meeting on the morning of November 9. President Mord. Carter of Danville, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p. m., November 8.

The secretary, D. C. Thomas, Elkhart, being absent on account of illness, Mrs. Alonzo D. Moffett was appointed secretary pro tem. Two committees were announced, one on Resolutions and one on Nominations.

The program of the afternoon consisted of a round table discussion on Rural extension, conducted by Miss Nannie W. Jayne of Alexandria, and another on Children's work conducted by Miss Anne D. Swezey, East Chicago. A report of this session will be found with the account of the meetings of the Indiana library association.

Function of a Library Trustee.

Another joint session was held in the Board of Trade Assembly room in the evening. The address was by Mr. George B. Utley, Secretary of the American Library Association, Chicago, on the Function of a Library Trustee.

Mr. Utley was introduced by Father Jansen, President of the Gary public library board, who acted as chairman by request of Mr. Mord. Carter, president. Mr. Utley said this was the only independent association of its kind in the country and that he had never seen so many trustees in one place.

In beginning, Mr. Utley said "No element so closely affects a librarian's influence and worth to a community as the attitude of his board of trustees." He must feel his board is behind him to do good work. If there exists a strained relation between board and librarian, then there should be a new board or a new librarian.

Some things a trustee should not do or be:

1. The trustee is not expected to be an expert in library economy. He must be a judge from the outside. He looks after broader policies, not details.

2. A good trustee is not necessarily a book man. He should be a reader and should appreciate books, however, and must know men and understand how books influence men.

3. The trustee must not be a spy on the library staff. Do not be a policeman. Get a librarian on whom you can turn your back in confidence.

What he should be and do:

1. He must be familiar with library laws and ordinances. So should the librarian.

2. The trustee should be a man or woman who has made a success of his own business. Every library should prepare and publish its budget and then live up to it.

3. The trustee must educate public officials to appreciate the library; must be the outside agent for advertising the library. The librarian is paid to talk library, but when the trustee speaks, people know he speaks from convictions.

4. The trustee should understand that it is sometimes poor economy to pay 30 cents for bookbinding instead of 45 cents; that it is poor economy to buy a book in so fine a print that it ruins the eyes, even though a book in larger type will cost 50 cents more; that it is poor economy to keep the library so poorly lighted that it looks less inviting than the brilliantly lighted saloon on the next corner; and that it is poor economy to require a highpriced li-

brarian to do cheap work; or to wear a librarian entirely out. Trustees should ask and expect big things.

Guard the office against those who seek to become members of library boards for selfish reasons.

"The most important of all duties of library trustees," said Mr. Utley, "is the selection of the librarian. However good a board may be in other respects, if they are not successful judges of men and women when it comes to the matter of selecting their executive officer, their library will never prosper. No school can prosper without a good teacher; no church can save a community to righteousness without an able pastor as leader; no railroad can declare dividends without a trained and efficient manager; no library can serve its constituents, the public, to its full power, without an experienced and capable librarian. Now this sounds too axiomatic to be stated; yet how many trustees of public libraries, with public funds at their disposal, have given ear to the congressman of their district in favor of an unfortunate lady of unquestioned character, who was very fond of books, and who because of delicate health was unable to consider a position requiring hard work. And the trustees have too often justified such a choice because the chief duty of the librarian was simply to charge out books, don't you know, and most anybody can do that. Yes, most anybody can do that, and if that's all that your community needs from its librarian of course it is poor economy to pay for experience and training and tact and skill and learning that your people do not expect to utilize. How successful would the hotel waiter be in satisfying your hunger if there were no cook; how successful would you be in drawing interest money from your bank if banking meant only handing some money over a counter. At the bank you realize that the correct casting of your accounts, with the accrued interest, has meant hard and earnest work on the part of the officers who invested the funds, of the clerks who balanced the books, of the cashiers who actually performed the business transaction. The last was the result of all that had preceded. Before the proper book finds its way to the proper person at the proper time just as much intelli-

gence and business acumen has to be brought to bear as in any commercial transaction. The librarian must be experienced in a hundred details that the trustee knows not of. I am not magnifying the importance of a librarian. We acknowledge this need of training in the business and professional world in other lines. Why make an exception here? There is none, and the trustees who are really trustees must recognize this. They must realize that they are voting on the prosperity of their library, on its service to the community, on the possibility of enlarging the intellectual vision and horizon of half the population, when they vote for their librarian. Very unwise, indeed, is the board of trustees who attempts to select a librarian without expert advice. I was much impressed with the excellent suggestions on the choosing of a librarian that your able and progressive commission secretary recently printed and distributed. Such aid as that is of the most practical kind and I hope no board in Indiana will fail to avail itself of this expert assistance.

"When you have a good librarian be good to her. Pay her the best salary you can afford. She is either worth that or nothing. And if you think you can at a future time pay her more and that she is worth it to your community, don't wait until she asks for an increase before you give her one."

Be the friend and confidant of your librarian. If you have a poor librarian, get rid of her. Don't shirk your duty.

Following Mr. Utley's paper, a lively round table discussion on the Business administration of the library was engaged in. Mr. S. R. Bell of Union City, opened with a talk on the Duties of the secretary of the board. Mrs. Besse E. Fifield, Whiting, spoke on sending delegates to meetings, urging that their expenses be paid and that every board be represented at the state meetings by a delegate from the board and by the librarian. Mrs. Alonso D. Moffett, secretary of the Elwood library board, spoke on vacations, advocating a weekly half-day off, with a two weeks' vacation in the summer season, and the observance of the six legal holidays as a fair system of vacations in the small library; W. K. Stewart, Stewart Book Co., Indianapolis, spoke of the unnecessary and ruinous policy to book

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stores, of libraries getting bids on all book orders; Mr. F. S. Cooper, Plainfield, advocated the attendance of librarians at all board meetings; Mr. A. S. Hathaway, Terre Haute, talked on the cost of janitor service, indicating that women in this work receive less than men do. Dr. E. D. Bailey, Martinsville, talked on Fines. Mr. J. H. Fihe, Elwood, spoke on the librarian's part in the business affairs of the library. Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Connersville, and Mrs. Anna Bradley, Boswell, discussed Library hours. Mr. Charles Eckhart, Auburn, gave his experience on making the library tax popular.

On all these phases of library administration, there was much informal discussion, which was continued at the session the following morning.

The Librarian and the Teacher.

Thursday morning, Miss Adelaide S. Baylor, assistant to the State Superintendent of public instruction, gave a highly appreciated address on the Comparative value to the community of the librarian and the teacher, laying stress upon the thought that their value is not competitive but co-operative.

Business Meeting.

The report of the committee on resolutions was read and adopted. The nominating committee submitted the following report, which was adopted: for President, Mrs. Alonzo D. Moffett; for Vice-President, Mr. Charles Eckhart; for Secretary, Miss Adah E. Bush; for Treasurer, Mr. F. L. Cooper. The officers, Mr. Carl H. Milam, Rev. Thomas Jansen, and Mr. Arthur S. Hathaway were selected as the executive committee.

The new president was called to the chair by the retiring president and expressed her pleasure in receiving the opportunity to serve the association in an effort to make it a strong and helpful organization in the educational interests of the state.

On motion of Mr. Carl H. Milam, provision was made for the appointment of a committee of three to act with a similar committee of the Indiana Library Association on Qualifications of Librarians. By consent the naming of this committee and of the standing com-

mittee on Legislation was left to the executive committee.

Mr. Mord. Carter brought up the matter of paying the expenses of librarians and trustees to the state meetings and after some discussion of the conflicting statements about the ruling of the State Board of Accounts on the question, it was referred to the committee on legislation to be reported upon at the meeting in 1912.

The registration showed over thirty trustees in attendance with twenty libraries represented and sixteen dollars in dues paid.

It was a meeting fine in spirit, educative, inspiring, and encouraging in its promise of a vigorous and progressive organization.

HESTER ALVERSON MOFFETT,
Secretary *pro tem.*

DISTRICT MEETING.

The first meeting of District H was held at Lawrenceburg, Friday, October 20. While only three cities were represented, eight others sent reports, greetings or suggestions. Miss Carrie E. Scott and Miss Ora Williams, assistant organizers of the Public Library Commission, were present. Reorganization, building sites, shelving, book selection, children's books, reference work, book repair and binding were the subjects discussed.

ADA FLORENCE FITCH,
Secretary.

CHARLES DICKENS.

February 7, 1912, the one hundredth anniversary of the birthday of Charles Dickens will be celebrated in almost every town and city in Indiana in one way or another. Libraries will have large demands for books by and about the famous author, and the Commission submits the following booklist in the hope that it will be useful:

Good library editions of Dickens's works.
Gadshill ed. 38 v. Scribner, \$1.50 per volume.
Introduction, general essays and notes by Andrew Lang. A good, permanent edition. Volumes can be bought separately.

Centenary ed. 36 v. illus. Scribner, \$1.00 per volume. (Chapman-Hall.)

An excellent cheap edition. Make up of the book is attractive. Volumes can be bought separately.

Three volumes to be issued each month until the completion of the set.

Crowell. \$1.00 per volume, illus.

Good cheap edition in complete set. Can not replace missing volumes.

The library Dickens. 30 v. illus. Little, \$1.00.

Bound to ensure durability and strength. Any volume supplied separately at \$1.00 per volume.

Best Books.

All the following books may be bought in Everyman's library, special library binding, published by E. P. Dutton, 31 West 23d street, New York, for 35 cents per copy:

Pickwick papers.	David Copperfield.
Oliver Twist.	Bleak House.
Nicholas Nickleby.	Little Dorrit.
Old curiosity shop.	Tale of two cities.
Martin Chuzzlewit.	Great expectations.
Dombey and son.	Mutual friend.
Christmas books.	

Plays.

Browne. Short plays from Dickens. 1909. Scribner, \$1.00.

"Twenty dramatizations of scenes from seven of Dickens's novels, short, easily staged and requiring from two to ten characters. Useful for school and amateur theatricals." *In A. L. A. Booklist.

Books about Dickens.

Burton, Richard. Masters of the English novel. Holt, \$1.25.

. . . The critical judgments are sound and appreciative, although not particularly original; the style is on the whole agreeable. For the general reader rather than the student. A. L. A. Booklist.

Chesterton, G. K. Appreciations and criticisms of the works of Charles Dickens. Dutton, \$2.00.

. . . Dickens's attitude as reformer and teacher is dwelt upon but much that is new is said of him as an artist. Readers who are familiar with the novels and who like Mr. Chesterton's style will find these es-

says delightful. . . . Eight portraits of Dickens, some of them unfamiliar, chronologically arranged, add much to the book's value. A. L. A. Booklist.

—. —. Charles Dickens; a critical study. Dodd, \$1.50.

Not a systematic exhaustive biography, but a suggestive, appreciative, and at times, brilliant tribute to the great author; not free from paradox or exaggeration, but illuminating and always entertaining. The novels are treated separately and a general estimate is given of the influence of Dickens and his creative genius. A. L. A. Booklist.

Dawson, W. J. Makers of English fiction. Revell, \$1.50.

" . . . Traces the growth and development of the English novel in the example of its greatest masters."

Dickens, Charles. Collection of letters. Scribner, \$1.25.

"Freshly and spontaneously written in clear and strong and unaffected English." Ath.

Dickens, Mary. My father as I recall him. Dutton, \$1.25.

"Informal portrayal of the great novelist's lovable qualities and cheerful personality in his own home." N. Y. A. L. A. Cat.

Forster, John. Forster's life of Dickens, abridged and revised by George Gissing. McClure, \$2.00.

James, Henry. Views and reviews. 1908. Ball Publishing Co., \$1.50.

Critical essays . . . they appeared in various periodicals but largely in files of the Nation from 1865 to 1891. A. L. A. Booklist.

Kitton, F. G. Charles Dickens, his life, writings, and personality. Jack. 5s.

"Compendious biography by the most eminent living Dickens scholar, using letters unknown to John Forster. Johnston.

Philip, A. J. Dickens dictionary. 1909. Dutton, \$3.00.

An alphabetical index of character and scenes in the novels and miscellaneous works with the exception of the Child's history of England and Dickens's letters. . . .

Not exactly satisfactory, but fuller than other dictionaries.

Shore, W. T. *Charles Dickens and his friends.* 1909. Cassell, \$1.75.

A collection of anecdotes and slight sketches of men and women most worth knowing in Dickens's day, including Douglas Jerrold, Walter Savage Landor and Samuel Rogers. The essays give known facts in a straightforward, pleasant way, though with no great literary skill. A. L. A. Booklist.

Winter, William. *Old friends.* Moffat, \$3.00.

"These recollections of literary associations and friendships cover fifty of the most important years of our national development in art and letters. A. L. A. Booklist.

Magazine Articles.

Dickens as a social reformer. R. of R's, 43: 102 Ja '11 por.

Dickens in America. T. W. Higginson. Outlook, 98:109-13 May 20 '11.

Illustrations of the first editions of the Pickwick papers. Nation 92:83-4 Ja 26 '11.

Dickens centenary and some new appreciations. Cur. lit. 50:655-8 Je '11 por.

Thackeray and Dickens—a contrast and comparison. C. L. Moore. Dial 51:327-8 N 1 '11.

Material for a Dickens Bulletin.

An attractive set of Jessie Wilcox Smith pictures of Dickens's characters is published in the December, 1910, and December, 1911, issues of Scribner's.

For portraits and views, order Perry pictures numbers 96-99.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

A. L. A. Catalog, 1904-1911. A. L. A. publishing board.

An annotated list of the 3,000 best books published 1904-1911, selected through votes of librarians and various specialists in all parts of the country and edited by Elva L. Bascom, editor of the A. L. A. book list. Books are arranged by classes, with author, title and subject index. Children's books are listed separately. To be published early in 1912. Advance subscription, \$1.00 (Postpaid \$1.20); after publication, \$1.50. This is the most im-

portant aid in book selections since the A. L. A. Catalog of 1904. No library can afford to be without it.

Children's Books for Christmas Gifts.

This list has been compiled by the Louisville Public Library and is recommended by the Public Library Commission. The list has been prepared primarily as a help in buying books suitable as Christmas gifts, but it is hoped that it may also serve the purpose of a guide throughout the year in the selection of books for the children's home library. This list will be sent free of charge on request.

Popular Books for Boys and Girls; a graded list with annotations compiled by Carrie E. Scott, assistant organizer, Public library commission of Indiana.

This list has been prepared for teachers and others, as a guide in selecting books for children's recreative reading. As the title implies, the books are popular and are not offered as supplementary to any particular course of study.

The Commission will send to any library in Indiana sufficient copies to supply all the teachers in the vicinity of that library. Copies will also be sent, on request, direct to teachers who cannot get them at a public library. It is hoped that all libraries will co-operate with the Commission in getting this list into the hands of Indiana teachers.

On Binding.

For a brief, practical treatise on binding, librarians cannot choose a better book than Arthur L. Bailey's Bookbinding, published by the American library association, as a reprint of chapter 26 of the Manual of library economy. The price of this and other pamphlets in this series is 10 cents.

A Fiction List.

Librarians should not accept for indiscriminate distribution copies of the Blue book of fiction, compiled by Hamilton Wright Mabie and published by the Globe Wernicke Co., until after a pretty careful examination. The

selection in the main body of the list will be found fairly satisfactory and the classification by subject is interesting; but unfortunately there has been appended a list of "The most popular novels of recent years," which includes some titles that most libraries will not care to advertise.

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FLORENCE VENN,
Reference Librarian,
State Library.

PERSONALS.

Miss Mary Rue has resigned a position in the public library of Salem, Oregon, to become the first librarian of the new public library at Franklin. Miss Rue has had special work in the Western Reserve library school, has taken the Wisconsin summer school course, and has had experience in several good libraries.

Miss Reba Davis, University of Illinois library school, 1911, has resigned a position in the Evanston, Illinois, public library to become librarian of the Spencer public library. She succeeds Miss Gertrude Morgan who has been librarian for several years.

Miss Frances Hayes has been chosen librarian of the Brook public library, recently organized.

Miss Inez Sacha has been appointed reference librarian at Indiana university to succeed Miss Mary Dunham, resigned. Miss Sacha is a graduate of the University of Illinois library school, class of 1909 and for the past two years has been assistant cataloger at Indiana university.

Miss Bertha Morgan has resigned her position in the Kokomo public library and entered Franklin college where she has been appointed an assistant in the college library.

Miss Margaret A. Wade of Lafayette has been chosen organizer of the Pendleton public library.

Miss Dorothy Myers of Wabash, has been appointed to a permanent position in the Springfield, Illinois, public library. She has held a temporary position in that library for several months. Miss Myers was a student in the 1909 class of the Indiana Summer School for librarians.

Miss Browning of Indianapolis, announced during the meetings of the Indiana Library Association that Mr. W. P. Cutter, librarian of the American Engineering Society of New York City, will undertake to answer reference questions on Engineering subjects from any library, free of charge.

NEWS OF INDIANA LIBRARIES.

Auburn.—Mr. Charles Eckhart, who presented Auburn with its beautiful library building, has recently given the library \$300 with which to purchase history, travel, biography, and reference books.

Earl Park.—The library board has received an offer of \$7,500 for a Carnegie library building.

East Chicago.—With a collection of only 3,217 volumes, the East Chicago public library had the remarkable circulation of 27,608 volumes in the year ending 30 September, 1911. There are 1,726 borrowers, 716 of whom were added in the year.

Fort Wayne.—The public library will establish a branch at 2534 South Calhoun Street in a rented room. The original idea was to have the branches in school buildings but the librarian and library board have decided against this plan even though special arrangements had been made in one of the new school buildings to accommodate the branch. The branch will probably have two attendants. The lease on the building is for three years, long enough to allow a thorough test in that locality. If this one proves successful, other branches will be established later.

Franklin.—A very successful book shower was conducted for the Franklin public library along unique lines. The shower lasted for one week and each day the list of donors was published in the paper. Several hundred volumes were received. A very attractive reading-room has been fitted up and was opened to the public December 6th.

Gary.—The public library has issued a little circular calling attention to an exhibit at the library of "A collection of two hundred special editions of children's books." The collection will be on exhibition during the month of December. Most of the books are from a permanent "Chimney corner library" and are kept together for inspection throughout the year.

Huntington.—A room in the basement of the Huntington library is being fitted up for a special reading room for railroad men. Books and magazines on engineering subjects

are to be placed in the room and a young man is to be put in charge during the busy hours of the evening.

On Friday, October 6th, Miss Ticer gave a reception at the library to teachers and members of the school board. The object was to encourage the teachers to make larger use of the public library, and to acquaint them with the library's resources and with its willingness to serve the school people. Short talks were made by the librarian, the Secretary of the Public Library Commission, and the Superintendent of schools. A fine enthusiasm was evident.

Indianapolis.—An exhibition of the work of the John Herron Art School has recently been on display at Branch No. 2.

Several teachers have been bringing their pupils in groups of ten or fifteen to the library for practical instruction in the use of the catalogs, magazine indexes and the library in general.

Kendallville.—A substantial tax for the public library has been levied at Kendallville, and the library started by the Civic Club has been turned over to the public library board. An excellent lot has been donated and a building will probably be erected within the next few years. The library managed by the club has been very popular and the opposition to the library idea which was manifested a few months ago is rapidly disappearing.

Kentland.—The new library building is nearly completed. It is one of the most beautiful little buildings in the state, being similar in style to the Eckhart library at Auburn. The total cost will be about \$12,000. There is probably no library board in the state that has got more for its money than has the board at Kentland.

Lebanon.—Hallowe'en was observed in Lebanon by a reception at the public library. A real live witch presided in the children's room, which was decorated in typical Hallowe'en style. Fortunes were told in different ways, and souvenirs given out to the children. All

the school children in the vicinity were invited, and nearly 1,000 people called between six and eight o'clock.

Oxford.—There has been considerable talk of establishing a library at Oxford during the last few months. Mr. Leroy Templeton has offered to give \$10,000 for a library building if Oxford town and Oak Grove township will provide a site and agree to support the library.

Paoli.—The Kappa Kappas of Paoli opened a reading room to the public November 25th. A "wood social" previous to the formal opening, at which event each person was requested to bring a stick of wood, gave the reading room a supply of fuel for the winter. A successful book shower was held and many gifts were received from former citizens.

Plainfield.—Mr. Carnegie has offered Plainfield and Guilford township \$9,000 for a library building.

South Bend.—The public library has placed a deposit collection of 250 books in the watch factory and another in the shirt factory. Since the establishment of these stations, an effort has been made to buy more foreign fiction of a popular character.

The physicians of the city have given the public library a valuable medical collection. The books are housed on the second floor, and a room has been equipped for the exclusive use of physicians and medical students.

Spencer.—The new Carnegie building is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy about the first of January.

Winchester.—The women of Winchester have opened a little library and reading room near the center of town. Several gifts have been received, some of considerable worth.

The Indiana State Normal, with 50,000 volumes, has the largest library of any normal school in the United States, according to the 1910 report of the U. S. Commissioner of education.



